

2.6 SENSITIVE RESOURCES

San Francisco Bay is subjected to varying water sources, salinities, and currents related to the input from two major rivers and oceanwater input from the Golden Gate area. Much of the bay is industrialized; however, natural mudflats, saltflats, channelized stormwater runoff areas, and rocky shorelines also occur. Much of the "wetland" areas support sensitive biological resources and the shallow, protected nature of the bay provides spawning and nursery habitats for important commercial and sportfish species. Several ports are present throughout the bay; these ports are important economic centers for import and export of material used throughout the world.

Sensitive bird species utilize the open water and wetland habitats for overwintering, resting, and nesting activities and the bay is utilized by the winter run salmon as it migrates up the Sacramento River. In-bay fisheries include the herring roe shorebased operations. Several rare, threatened and/or endangered birds, mammals, and plants exist along the shorelines and/or utilize the water areas during various seasons.

2.6.1 Protection of Sensitive Sites

The sites and strategies were developed by the Area Committee and are from the Area Contingency Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. Additional discussion of sensitive environmental sites is provided in the San Francisco Bay/ Delta Area Contingency Plan. This is the **guiding document** to use for establishing strategies and identification of sensitive sites at risk

Initial sensitive environmental protection response priorities for the first 24 hours have been identified by the terminal and listed in Table 2-11. These priorities are for guidance purposes only to aid with initial planning and identification of potential risk priorities. The listed priorities should be adjusted as identified by Planning Section and OSPR.

2.6.2 Wildlife Rehabilitation

In the event that wildlife is impacted or likely to become impacted, Shore Terminals will utilize the California Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) to provide wildlife rehabilitation. A copy of the letter committing Shore Terminals to participation in the OWCN is included at the end of this section.

Contact and mobilization information is identified in Section 2.1 Table 2-3.

2.6.3 Economical/ Recreational Sensitive Areas

Recreational and economically important areas in the San Pablo-Suisun Bay area that may require special protection in the event of an oil spill follow the guidance provided in the San Francisco Bay ACP sections 4600, 5400, and 9600.